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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Grays Harbor County

In August 2014 the secretary of health entered an agreed order suspending the credential of registered nursing assistant **Tania F. Walters (NA60196498)** for at least two years. She tested positive for marijuana, methamphetamine and amphetamines during a urinalysis requested by her employer. Walters admitted to using drugs not prescribed to her. Prior to reinstatement, she must provide evidence of having been clean and sober for at least two years.

King County

In July 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Asha A. Ahmed (NA60130429)** for at least two years due to unprofessional conduct. While working as an in-home care provider for a patient, Ahmed became intoxicated and had to be transported to a hospital due to her altered mental state.

In January 2016 the Medical Commission permanently restricted the credential of physician and surgeon **Marc Di Julio (MD00020524)**, and imposed other conditions including probation for at least five years. Di Julio is permanently restricted from treating female patients, persons under the age of 18, and vulnerable adults. This follows a summary restriction that happened in June 2015 based on sexual misconduct allegations.

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Samantha M. Zachry (NA00115014)** for three years. While working at an alternative living facility for disabled adults, Zachry transferred over \$2,000 from a patient's bank account to her own account for her personal use and wrote a check for \$5,000 from another resident's bank account to pay her personal debt. The state Department of Social and Health Services found that Zachry had financially exploited a vulnerable adult and will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Pierce County

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Shane A. Foster (NC60202266)** for at least two years. Foster took \$20 from a patient at a rehabilitation center where he worked without permission.

In September 2015 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Kurt Warkenthien (MD60242443)**. Warkenthien cannot practice medicine in Washington. This action follows the immediate suspension of his medical license that happened in August 2015 based on Warkenthien's failure to comply with a health monitoring program.

Skagit County

In June 2014 the Pharmacy Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Isaac S. Pritchard (VA00069625)** after he tested positive for methamphetamines during a pre-employment drug screen.

In May 2014 the Medical Assistant Program permanently revoked the certified medical assistant credential of **Rory Evan Andes (CM60374959)**. He has no right to reapply. Andes was convicted in Superior Court of two counts of first-degree child molestation and one count of second-degree child rape in 2013. Andes was sentenced to 146 months in prison.

Snohomish County

In July 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Guadalupe Caballero (NA60261081)** for at least one year. Caballero didn't perform a required blood sugar test on a patient, but indicated on the chart notes she had. Before Caballero can petition for reinstatement, he must complete two hours of coursework each in the areas of diabetes, medical records documentation, managing behavior and law and ethics.

In June 2014 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission revoked the credential of physician and surgeon **Hieu T. Le (MD00043784)** after he pled guilty to distribution of oxycodone. This resulted in Le being sentenced to five years in prison.

In May 2014 the Respiratory Care Program indefinitely suspended the credential of respiratory care practitioner **Rebecca Lynn Rose (LR00002210)** for unprofessional conduct. In 2010 Rose was convicted of reckless driving. In 2013 she was convicted of third-degree assault, driving while intoxicated, and third-degree malicious mischief.

Spokane County

In August 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Daniel T. Cyrus (NC10093171)** for at least three years. While working at a skilled nursing facility, Cyrus, against orders, transferred a resident into her bed by holding her by her waist and throwing her onto the bed which caused hip pain. He also went into the same patient's room and put his hand down her underwear and touched her inappropriately. The state Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding that Cyrus had abused a vulnerable adult and will not allow him to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In November 2015 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission has modified an agreed order with physician **Molly Hutsinpillar (MD00033833)** which puts her credential on probation. Hutsinpillar must notify a substance abuse monitoring program eight weeks prior to returning to practice, comply with a recovery evaluation at an approved center, authorize the release of quarterly compliance reports obtained from the Utah Board, and reimburse costs of \$400. Her license to practice medicine was suspended in the state of Utah after she was found to be intoxicated while on duty in the emergency room of a hospital where she worked. She was also found guilty of first-degree negligent driving and was found unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety by a behavioral health and addiction service.

In May 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Jacob West Sayman (NA00200250)** for at least 10 years. Sayman was charged with third-degree assault of a child, and manufacture of a controlled substance in 2013. The state Department of Social and Health Services found Sayman financially exploited a vulnerable adult. He is not allowed to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Yakima County

In August 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Vanessa Lee Esparza (NC10094754)**. While working at an adult family home, Esparza yelled and swore at a resident. The state Department of Social and Health Services found Esparza abused a vulnerable adult and will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Out of State

California: In January 2016 the Medical Commission indefinitely suspended the license of physician **Jaime David** (MD 00045956). David is not allowed to practice medicine in Washington. This follows a summary suspension in December 2015 based on disciplinary action by the California Board of Medicine related to David's inability to practice medicine safely.

Idaho: In July 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Gena A. Page** (RN00142270) after her license to practice as a registered nurse in Idaho was revoked.

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